Posting of senior executives of CIL at the same place

1560. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. had resolved a year ago that none of its senior executives will remain posted at the same post for more than a ten years period;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a number of General Managers and Chief General Managers of CIL still remain of the same post and capacity for more than ten years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) As reported by Coal India Limited, a transfer policy is in existence in Coal India Ltd. since 1994, as per which executives of M-1, M-2 & M-3 Grade who are working for more than ten years are transferable to other subsidiaries. The transfer policy further stipulates that large-scale transfer is to be avoided but at least 10% of the executives satisfying the criteria should be transferred each year. In order to effectively implement this transfer policy, a decision was taken in the year 1998 to transfer 20% of executives each year based on station seniority. Accordingly; in the year 1998 the following number of executives have been transferred to other subsidiaries:

M-1	167
M-2	62
M-3	19
Total	248

(c) and (d) There will be some officers remaining at the same place for more than ten years, as all the officers cannot be transferred at one time since such mass transfer will have adverse impact on work. For this reason 20% of executives of M-1, M-2 & M-3 are begin transferred out every year.

Decline in standard at force level in Navy

1561. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that force level standards are declining rapidly in Navy;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Far-East Maritime Command

1562. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item in Hindustan Times dated 6th December, 1998 captioned, "F.M.'s go ahead for Far-East Maritime Command";

(b) if so, whether Minister of Finance has sanctioned the proposal for setting up the command base in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when this proposal would be transmitted into action, its annual expenditure, with initial capital expenditure;

(d) whether it is a fact that several proposals of Indian Navy for safety of the country are pending with the Ministry of Finance; and

(e) if so, the names of each proposal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The proposal to set up "Far Eastern Naval Command' in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is under consideration.

(d) and (e) Consultation with the Ministry of Finance, wherever required under the rules, is a continuous process.

Enhancement of retirement age in defence services

1563. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to enhance the retirement age of defence service officers by two years, except officers of Army Medical Corps, Military Nursing Service and Remount Veterinary Corps;